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WHITE HOUSE BROUHAHA OVER SHULTZ DEAL ON UN SPIES

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 MICHAEL J. BERLIN
 CIA Director William
 Casey, FBI Director
 William Webster, At-
 torney General Edwin
 Meese and other offi-
 cials have lodged pro-
 tests at the White
 House over the deal to
 allow two top Soviet
 spies to remain in
 their UN posts — part
 of the price of freeing
 Nicholas Daniloff.

Administration
 sources said the offi-
 cials told the White
 House that the law en-
 forcement and intelli-
 gence communities
 are "up in arms" over
 the deal.

The Post reported on
 Wednesday that Sec-
 retary of State George
 Shultz, as part of the
 Daniloff deal, was pre-
 pared to go along with
 a request from Soviet
 Foreign Minister
 Eduard Shevardna-
 dze to exclude Soviet
 UN diplomats Valery
 Savchenko and Vladi-
 slav Skvortsov from
 the list of 25 Soviets
 ordered out of the
 country.

The deal almost
 went through until
 Casey flew to the UN
 Plaza Hotel in New
 York on Sunday night
 to protest.

Shultz and Sche-
 vardnadze quickly
 agreed to a two-week
 "grace period" and
 agreed to take the
 issue to the mini-sum-

mit in Iceland next
 weekend.

U.S. officials say
 they are concerned
 lest Reagan agree to
 expel two other Soviet
 UN employees in place
 of Savchenko and
 Skvortsov.

U.S. officials as-
 signed to the UN said
 the two are mysteri-
 ous figures.

In fact, no one —
 from former UN
 envoy Jeanne Kirk-
 patrick to the current
 ambassador, Vernon
 Walters — has ever
 seen the two at a UN
 committee meeting or
 diplomatic affair.

Savchenko, 53, came
 to the U.S. in April
 1983, is listed as a
 counselor to the
 Soviet mission, and
 lives with his wife
 Galina at the heavily
 guarded Soviet resi-
 dence on E. 67th St.

Intelligence sources
 told The Post he is in
 fact a KGB colonel
 and station chief
 in New York — one of
 the most important
 Soviet intelligence
 posts in the world.

Skvortsov, 51, came
 to the U.S. in Feb 1984
 as a counselor.

Last November he
 was promoted to sen-
 ior counselor and

given a more exclu-
 sive residence with
 his wife, Larissa, at
 the Soviet residence in
 Riverdale.

Skvortsov has been
 identified as the GRU
 military intelligence
 resident in New York,
 assigned to gathering
 scientific and military
 intelligence from New
 York industries.

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